

\$120,000,000 to purchase, process, and distribute additional commodities under this section.”

Subsec. (k). Pub. L. 101-624, §1772(h)(1), struck out heading and text of subsec. (k). Text read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Section 871(h) of Pub. L. 104-193 provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (d) [amending this section] shall become effective on October 1, 1996.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1772(g) of Pub. L. 101-624 effective Oct. 1, 1990, and amendment by section 1772(h)(1) of Pub. L. 101-624 effective Nov. 28, 1990, see section 1781(b)(1), (2) of Pub. L. 101-624, set out as a note under section 2012 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section to be effective and implemented on Oct. 1, 1988, see section 701(a) of Pub. L. 100-435, set out as an Effective Date of 1988 Amendment note under section 2012 of this title.

### § 7516. Settlement and adjustment of claims

#### (a) In general

The Secretary or a designee of the Secretary shall have the authority to—

- (1) determine the amount of, settle, and adjust any claim arising under this chapter; and
- (2) waive such a claim if the Secretary determines that to do so will serve the purposes of this chapter.

#### (b) Litigation

Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to diminish the authority of the Attorney General of the United States under section 516 of title 28 to conduct litigation on behalf of the United States.

(Pub. L. 98-8, title II, §215, as added Pub. L. 102-237, title IX, §922(b), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1888.)

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective and to be implemented no later than Feb. 1, 1992, see section 1101(d)(1) of Pub. L. 102-237, set out as an Effective Date of 1991 Amendment note under section 1421 of this title.

### CHAPTER 103—AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EXTENSION, AND EDUCATION REFORM

Sec.

7601. Definitions.

#### SUBCHAPTER I—PRIORITIES, SCOPE, REVIEW, AND COORDINATION OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EXTENSION, AND EDUCATION

7611. Standards for Federal funding of agricultural research, extension, and education.

- (a) In general.
- (b) Application.

7612. Priority setting process.

- (a) Establishment.
- (b) Responsibilities of Secretary.
- (c) Responsibilities of 1862, 1890, and 1994 Institutions.
- (d) Management principles.

7613. Relevance and merit of agricultural research, extension, and education funded by the Department.

- (a) Review of Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

Sec.

- (b) Advisory Board review.
- (c) Requests for proposals.
- (d) Scientific peer review of agricultural research.
- (e) Merit review.

#### SUBCHAPTER II—NEW AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EXTENSION, AND EDUCATION INITIATIVES

7621. Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems.

- (a) Treasury account.
- (b) Funding.
- (c) Purposes.
- (d) Eligible grantees.
- (e) Special considerations.
- (f) Administration.

7622. Partnerships for high-value agricultural product quality research.

- (a) “Eligible partnership” defined.
- (b) Establishment of partnerships by grant.
- (c) Criteria for an eligible partnership.
- (d) Types of research and extension activities.
- (e) Elements of grant making process.
- (f) Limitation on use of grant funds.
- (g) Authorization of appropriations.

7623. Precision agriculture.

- (a) Definitions.
- (b) Grants authorized.
- (c) Purposes of projects.
- (d) Grant priorities.
- (e) Matching funds.
- (f) Reservation of funds for education and information dissemination projects.
- (g) Precision agriculture partnerships.
- (h) Limitation regarding facilities.
- (i) Authorization of appropriations.

7624. Biobased products.

- (a) “Biobased product” defined.
- (b) Coordination of biobased product activities.
- (c) Cooperative agreements for biobased products.
- (d) Eligible partners.
- (e) Pilot project.
- (f) Source of funds.
- (g) Sale of developed products.
- (h) Authorization of appropriations.

7625. Thomas Jefferson Initiative for Crop Diversification.

- (a) Initiative required.
- (b) Research and education efforts.
- (c) Purposes.
- (d) Establishment of initiative.
- (e) Regional emphasis.
- (f) Eligible grantee.
- (g) Administration.
- (h) Authorization of appropriations.

7626. Integrated research, education, and extension competitive grants program.

- (a) Purpose.
- (b) Competitive grants authorized.
- (c) Criteria for grants.
- (d) Matching of funds.
- (e) Term of grant.
- (f) Authorization of appropriations.

7627. Coordinated program of research, extension, and education to improve viability of small and medium size dairy, livestock, and poultry operations.

- (a) Program authorized.
- (b) Components.
- (c) Administration.

7628. Support for research regarding diseases of wheat, triticale, and barley caused by *Fusarium graminearum* or by *Tilletia indica*.

Sec.

- (a) Research grant authorized.
- (b) Research components.
- (c) Communications networks.
- (d) Management.
- (e) Authorization of appropriations.
- 7629. Bovine Johne's disease control program.
  - (a) Establishment.
  - (b) Authorization of appropriations.
- 7630. Grants for youth organizations.
  - (a) In general.
  - (b) Funding.
  - (c) Authorization of appropriations.
- 7631. Agricultural biotechnology research and development for developing countries.
  - (a) Eligible entity.
  - (b) Grant program.
  - (c) Authorization of appropriations.

## SUBCHAPTER III—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

## PART A—MISCELLANEOUS

- 7641. Patent Culture Collection fees.
- 7642. Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database program.
  - (a) Continuation of program.
  - (b) Activities.
  - (c) Contract, grants, and cooperative agreements.
  - (d) Indirect costs.

## PART B—GENERAL

- 7651. Nutrient composition data.
  - (a) In general.
  - (b) Report.
- 7652. Role of Secretary regarding food and agricultural sciences research and extension.
- 7653. Office of Pest Management Policy.
  - (a) Purpose.
  - (b) Establishment of Office; principal responsibilities.
  - (c) Interagency coordination.
  - (d) Outreach.
  - (e) Director.
  - (f) Authorization of appropriations.
- 7654. Food Safety Research Information Office.
  - (a) Establishment.
  - (b) Purpose.
  - (c) Cooperation.
- 7655. Safe food handling education.
- 7656. Designation of Crisis Management Team within Department.
  - (a) Designation of Crisis Management Team.
  - (b) Duties of Crisis Management Team.
  - (c) Role in prioritizing certain research.
  - (d) Cooperative agreements.
- 7657. Senior Scientific Research Service.
  - (a) In general.
  - (b) Members.
  - (c) Performance appraisal system.
  - (d) Compensation.
  - (e) Retirement contributions.
  - (f) Involuntary separation.

## PART C—STUDIES

- 7671. Evaluation and assessment of agricultural research, extension, and education programs.
  - (a) Evaluation.
  - (b) Contract.
  - (c) Guidelines for performance measurement.
- 7672. Study of federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education.
  - (a) Study.
  - (b) Requirements.
  - (c) Reports.

## § 7601. Definitions

In this Act:

**(1) 1862 Institution**

The term “1862 Institution” means a college or university eligible to receive funds under the Act of July 2, 1862 (12 Stat. 503, chapter 130; 7 U.S.C. 301 et seq.).

**(2) 1890 Institution**

The term “1890 Institution” means a college or university eligible to receive funds under the Act of August 30, 1890 (26 Stat. 419, chapter 841; 7 U.S.C. 321 et seq.), including Tuskegee University.

**(3) 1994 Institution**

The term “1994 Institution” means 1 of the 1994 Institutions (as defined in section 532 of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-382; 7 U.S.C. 301 note)) (as amended by section 251(a)).

**(4) Advisory Board**

The term “Advisory Board” means the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board established under section 3123 of this title.

**(5) Department**

The term “Department” means the Department of Agriculture.

**(6) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(Pub. L. 105-185, § 2, June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 525.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 105-185, June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 523, as amended, known as the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note below and Tables.

Act of July 2, 1862, referred to in par. (1), is act July 2, 1862, ch. 130, 12 Stat. 503, as amended, popularly known as the First Morrill Act, which is classified generally to subchapter I (§301 et seq.) of chapter 13 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 301 of this title and Tables.

Act of August 30, 1890, referred to in par. (2), is act Aug. 30, 1890, ch. 841, 26 Stat. 417, as amended, popularly known as the Agricultural College Act of 1890 and also as the Second Morrill Act, which is classified generally to subchapter II (§321 et seq.) of chapter 13 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 321 of this title and Tables.

Section 251(a), referred to in par. (3), is section 251(a) of Pub. L. 105-185.

## SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 105-185, §1(a), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 523, provided that: “This Act [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the ‘Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998’.”

## SUBCHAPTER I—PRIORITIES, SCOPE, REVIEW, AND COORDINATION OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EXTENSION, AND EDUCATION

**§ 7611. Standards for Federal funding of agricultural research, extension, and education****(a) In general**

The Secretary shall ensure that agricultural research, extension, or education activities de-